BLAISDELL STAYS IN ARKANSAS CITY

Man Who Played a Hunch in Poker Supplied the Needed Excitement.

THE INFLUENCE OF WOMAN

Greenlaw Finds Corroboration of His Opinions in the Case of His Friend.

-1 a-sayin' but what there 's done teen a hell rearin' good business did isto the back room by the combination one time an' a other," said Jim Blaisdell as he and his friends sat enjoying their tobacco in eld man Greenlaw's saloon in Arkansas City. "Sho'ly 'peared like most the floatin' capital, as th' old man calls it, what floated round anywheres

nigh hand 'peared to float to'ds we uns. 'An' I won't ondertake fo' to deny how business has been did fair enough amongst we uns. Mebbe there 's been mo' 'r less slick dealin's now an' again when there peared to be a tol'able good chanst fo' to get th' best end of a reck'nin', but th' sin't never been no 'casion fo' to hire no lawyer to straighten things out.

"But I reckon-" Here Mr. Blaisdell paused, either because of natural emotion fitting to one who was preparing to break true friends of many years standing part of his hearers which he desired to full p'servin' the peace. onsider before proceeding further.

He had not long to wait. Old man Greenlaw himself was the first to speak. prompted Blaisdell to speak.

here business an' how she 's done sewed up seeds o' distension into yo' system Well, I sho' was a-talkin' with Mis' Blaisdell 'bout it," admitted the other

with a show of defiance. "I knowed it." retorted the old man lun fom.' That 's Greek, an' it means what if a man goes to church with a woman there 's al'ays trouble comes of it. I never knowed it to fail. 'Pears to me I rec'leck how yo' all was married in church,

"Sho' was," said Blaisdell sullenly. "Proves what the Good Book says. declared the old man triumphantly. church with a woman an' there

trouble. Never knowed it to fail." dark menace in his manner, "yo' all wants to be almighty keerless 'bout speakin' anyways disrespectable o' Mis' Blaisdell. don't stand fo' no-

'Ain't a-sayin' nothin' ag'in Mrs. Blais yo' all won't go 's fur 's to say anythin' ag'in that proposition, will yo'?"

"Sho' not." said Blaisdell. "Just nachully then," persisted the old man, "there's trouble c'nected with How come Mis' Blaisdell wants vo'

"Hain't said she done it," said Blaisdell with signs of exasperation. "Don't have to." exclaimed the old man as one pushing an advantage. "There's

things as easy to reckon as puttin' fo' an' two together an' makin' two." Back up." interrupted Jake Winterpottom. "Yo' all 'pears to got that there ack ards. Way I done learned at school

was to put two an' two together an' "D'pends on how 't 's did," said the old

"Well thataway yo' sho' does," mitted Winterbottom grudgingly, "but had filled on a three card draw he boastthat ain't the way it's gen'ly did.

"Yo' don't seem want to look fo' nothin to be did the way it gen'ly is when there's e woman into it," retorted the old man. Take Jim's case"

shouted Blaisdell did, not while I'm round, th' ain't."

"Them sentiments sho' does yo' some proud, Jim," said the old man entirely inruffled. "Th' ain't no d'scussion o Mis' Blaisdell goin' on 's fur 's I knows. What I was a sayin' was c'ncernin' the sect as a hull. Stands to reason th' ain't no such combination as we uns is done But women 'll bust up any-What was yo' all a-reck'nin on

"Hain't said I was reck'nin' on doin

"Didn't had to," said the old man, pushsaw his opponent weakening. "Yo' all done begin by tellin' how we une had did remarkable well in business together, an' that sho' was the truth.

to do no better nowheres else, if yo' be pelled. a expert. An' then yo' says, 'but' yo' 'Pears like that's quantum shuff, as the lawyers says. Don't take no son of a prophet fo' to tell how yo' all is some oncontented 'bout somepin' Why don't yo' give it a name?"

"Th' ain't no name to be gave, " repied Blaisdell, still more sullenly. "On'y I eckon I hain't no call to stay nowheres I feel like goin' some'res else. ike th' ain't nothin' diddin' round these parts no mo' on'y what 's mo' 'r less triffin' Pears like a man c'n do better in one night on the boats nor he can in a year or mo' dubbin' round into a place like Arkansas City

"Mebbe he mought," responded the old man with unexpected acquiescence "I ain't a-sayin ' but what a man o'n do me' some nights onto a boat p'vidin' he gets into the right kind of a game nor he 's liable fo' to make out in a year in the back room. On'y thing about

that is whether he 's liable to do as well on the poats fo' a year. "Most anybody is liable fo' to make killin' sometimes, mo' special if he 's got the talents what yo' all sho' has; but they is a hellova lot o' diff'rent nights in the co'se of a year. 'Pears like a man s c'asid'able sight better off fo' to be i long of a bunch o' friends, mo' special

when there 's business comin' to the do' oncet in a while." "Well, I'm a-gwine to try it." said Blais-Il with dogged persistency, and he

ose and started for the door. As he placed his hand on the knob the old man said, "Don't go 'way mad, And Blaisdell agreed.

"Arkansas City 'pears to be all right to have one drink afo' yo' all go to out." yit," said he.

And thus adjured the would be wan derer returned as far as the bar.

They were pouring out their liquor when Owen Pepper entered the room. Lining up with the others he joined in the proceedings. When some one asked him the news he replied:

"Oh, I don't know. 'Pears like they was liable fo' to be somepin' diddin' afo' long." And being pressed for particulars he declared that Ruddy Barker had "done busted loose."
"Meanin' Barker o' Helena?" asked

the old man, and Mr. Pepper said it was. Moreover Mr. Barker, it appeared, had come down the river on the same boat And it's dry, sweet and mellow though not very with Mr. Pepper and had enlivened the proceedings by winning a large sum at poker the evening before and afterward Yet it's rich coffee colored, when the lights are stirring up strife among the passenger to such an extent that several of them were laid up for repairs, though Mr. Barker himself, it appeared, had escaped injury.

"Sounds like Barker," said old man Greenlaw admiringly. "There's al'ays This pipe would not render the freshness of youth liable fo' to be things a-diddin' when he sets in. Would yo' all reckon how he's liable fo' to happen round this way afo' who saves he ca'ms down?

"Oh, I don't know," said Mr. Pepper, but he done got offen the boat about a hour ago an' he's h'istin' in tol'able free up to the hotel when I seen him

"Have another," said old man Greenlaw producing a fresh bottle. "Jim, I reckon f'm what Pepper tells how there 'll be diddin's round here to-night what's liable fo' to p'duce c'nsid'able activity f'm yo' all, or Bassett, either one. If Barker is reasonable sober when he sets in yo' all is got yo' work cut out. He's c'nsid'able quicker'n greased lightaway from an association with tried and nin' 's long 's he c'n see well enough fo' to tell one cyard f'm another. r because of certain indications on the if he's drunk Bassett 'll have his hands

Mr. Blaisdell agreed that it was worth while to 'postpone his departure, in view of the immediate prospects, and when Instinctively he had recognized on the Mr. Barker appeared a short time afterinstant the symptoms of disaffection that ward he joined the others in an earnest effort to decide whether the new comer "I recken," he exclaimed with high was in reality drunk or sober. The most "how yo' all is done been obvious decision was that he was neither cahootin' with Mis' Blaisdell 'bout this one nor the other and a festive evening was assured.

Whatever the truth may have been as to that it was unmistakably evident that Mr. Barker had brought a capable that Mr. Barker had brought a capable thirst with him, and for a period old man Greenlaw devoted himself to min- Who knows the world and has been sadiy through with great bitterness. "Minds me o' istering to it. In this he was ably sup-what the Good Book says. 'Churchy ported by Joe Bassett, whose relish for ported by Joe Bassett, whose relish for physical encounters was even keener than his predilection for draw poker. But Mr. Barker, it presently appeared, preferred his poker first, and Mr. Blaisdell, now thoroughly cured for the time at least of his inclination toward travel. led the way blithesomely toward the big round table in the little back room.

It was a five handed game that was started, for Winterbottom and Sam Pearsall insisted on joining in, and when "Look a here," exclaimed Blaisdell with old man Greenlaw had seen that all things were going satisfactorily he joined Mr Pepper in the barroom, well content with the situation.

They played table stakes and each man took \$500 in chips for a starter, not dell," declared the old man stoutly. "Th' | wishing to be annoyed by waiting for a sin't nothin' to be said ag'in her 's fer fresh stack from time to time. And for 's I know, on'y she's a woman. I reckon a while longer they continued to try to make up their minds as to Mr. Barker's condition without being able to decide positively.

At first it seemed as if he might be drunk, for having the age and getting three stavers he raised it before the draw all to quit this here congregation o' talent, and, getting a reraise, boosted it again. Then, having still two antagonists, he drew three cards, indicating his utter carelessness as to having been detected in a bluff. But the further fact that he drew a third ten and a small pair and his consequent capture of the pot seemed to justify the suspicion that he had read the back of at least the first card that was coming to him. And Pearsall called for

But for a time thereafter Mr. Barker's play was marked by extreme caution and all thought of his being intoxicated man calmly. "Put fo' an' two t'gether was laid aside, while the suspicion they an' substract 'em an' yo' gets two, don't had harbored was strengthened. But again he bluffed outrageously and after he had won the pot on a straight that he

fully declared he had played a hunch "Them king an' ace looked kind o' good to me," he said, "bein' they was both spades. I was kind o' disapp'inted. though, not getting a straight flush. Pears fike the hunch was strong enough sin't to be no d'scussion o' Mis' Blaisdell fo' to call fo' that much. That's how come

I done played it that strong." "Must 'a' been c'nsid'able of a disap-'intment," said Winterbottom, drily. "Does yo' all al'ays play yo' hunches that away?"

"Sho' thing," said Barker, and the confidence of the home talent waxed apace. nothin' but a woman goin' to bust up It seemed so easy to defeat a man who played poker thus that Blaisdell seemed loath to put forth his undeniable skill in the deal. They could capture his wad

without that. But as the game went on the outsider ontinued to win most unaccountably His luck in the draw was phenomenal ing his advantage remorselessly as he enough to justify the rashness with which he backed his incomplete hands, and it became necessary in time to do something to offset it. And when he essayed that something Mr. Blaisdell's doubts as to Tain't likely how yo' all is liable fo' the other's sobriety were suddenly dis-

For Mr. Barker leaned back in his chair with the appearance of one who suddenly tires of one form of amusement and wishes to try another. His right hand dropped toward his hip pocket and he said drawlingly:

"Yo' all sho' is some slick. I recko th' ain't any other man in Arkansas but me c'd 'a' seen yo' deal them seconds But I kyind o' p'fers my cyards to come

offen the top o' the deck." And he would have drawn his gun a he spoke but for the fact that Winterbottom sat on his right and was quicker than he. On the instant the room was in

an uproar Blaisdell had drawn promptly, bu Bassett was not to be forestalled. Knock ing his friend's pistol from his hand, he sprang forward with a hoarse battle cry and when old man Greenlaw entered the room brandishing his bungstarter he was

unable to use it discriminatingly. The two redoubtable bullies were writhing and twisting in each other's grasp so confusingly and with such amazingly rapid contortions that it was impossible for any of the others to interfere without danger to the wrong man Wherefore all waited till Bassett had for

once satisfied his hunger for strife. By that time it was plainly supererog atory to attempt to inflict any injury on the unfortunate Barker, and old man Greenlaw put away his bungstarter. "I reckon if yo' all is lookin' fo' 'xcite

ment, Jim, yo' can't do better'n to stay round home fo' a while longer," he said

POEMS WORTH READING.

My Calabash Pipe. There's a place in my study, just over the hall, Where I keep all my pipes—the best friends of all.
I have meerschaum and briar, china and clay,
And a battered old needlewood split half away.

A real Turkish hookah, a porcelain bow!. And a piece of old cherry that must have a soul! But of all these dear partners—that shorten my The one I love best is my calabash pipe.

Its mouthpiece is rubber, its mounting is tin Or "real German sliver," when the stores you go

The meerschaum crowned top is a tideous brown:

The tobacco I smoke. All, that would be telling.
And this is a poem not intended for selling.
It would be hard to imagine a leaf so uncouth And often at night when the company's gone.

And the fire and I are left all alone saves me from sadness, makes my spi so bright? That tricolored comrade, my calabash pipe

The Wager. El Shamar was a builder Of fame long years ago:

Ar Hamel was a poet But once, a legend has it Shamar stood and smiled Before a palace golden Which he had reared and siyled.

"Ar Hamel, I'm a builder, And you a singer—say. You write a song; 171 wage

Your song first fades awa Ar Hamel wrote a love song: A fragile thing it seemed Beside the palace golden

That in the sunshine gleamed But when the lofty palace Had crumbled into dust. And on the wind was dancing The plaything of each gust:

When Shamar long had vanished

Forgotten was his name, When Hamel, happy hearted. Was known no more to fan Still in that land the love song Was sung by lovers true: The love song was immortal.

Its theme forever new ARTHUR WALLACE PRACE

Counsel for the Coming Year

And now and then has had good cause to rue it "Neither a borrower nor a lender be."
Although from choice the former seems to me The better part, for lending's rather rash Unless you're certain you'll get back your cash.
If ever in a fight best square your foe.
Por you might get the worst of it, you know. And as for helping females in distress You'd better leave them as they are, I guess That's all that I can think of now to te Keep these in mind you'll get on pretty well And come to me a year from this December I'll give you just a few more to remember! La Touche Hancock

The Angleworm.

The angleworm was happy quite Throughout the livelong day It rolled about, a carcless wight Amid the loam and clay, And minded not the O's and P's, And other characters like these:

It twisted on its way. But one day a biologist Gave notice to mankind That angleworms do each consist Of longitude and mind; That they conceal that plague and bane

Somewhere, before, behind The world rotated as before. Not so the angleworm: It twisted aimlessly no more Each movement meant a term t almost gave the thing a spasm To learn 'twas not mere protoplasm

It got the ego germ. A lot of sentiments it wrote In clear and cursive style And "Only man is vile," and "Even angleworms will tur It felt its brain with arder but

And upward writhed the while It thirsted for applause, you see It longed to pick a quarrel That it might gain the victory And bind its brow with laurel But an obtrusive fisherman Grabbed it and shoved it in a can

And you can guess the moral.

MAURICE MORRIS

Song of the Shovellers. Shovel it in! Shovel it in! Joyfully tackie the bountiful bln: That's why you ordered it, paid for it too Each single lump owes a service to you.

Shovel it in! Shovel it in Open the big furnace door with a grin. Rattle the grate, do your ash digging stunt Then shovel it in!

Shovel it in! Shovel it in! Recklessly revel in clattering dir Hearken the flue as it happily hum: not particular how high it comes

Shovel it in! Shovel it in! Would you the joys of an optimist win-Nothing will bring you so near to the gos As laughingly, lovingly shovelling coal So shovel it in!

FREDERICK MOXSON "Statistics Prove." Amos R. Wells in Late.
Statistics prove so many things:
he size of towns, the height of kings,
he age of children in the schools. The skull development of foots. The salaries that parsons get. The number of abodes to let. The wealth of lucky millionaires. The price of hens and mining shates All inings below and things above. It seems to be, "statistics prove."

But not statistics never yet Appraised a single violet. Measured the glances of an eye, Or probed the sorrow of a sigh Statistics never caught the gleam That dances on a meadow stream, or weighed the anthem of a bird in forest aisless devoutly heard. Statistics never proved a soul. In high or low, in part or wholes in, beauty, passion, honor, loveliow much statistics cannot prove! But not statistics never yet

To a Would Be Browning.

Magniloquent in your environment Of rhymes self-consciously good. You scribble as poor proud Byron mean To scribble, if he could; Through innumerable apotheoses The future your name shall learn, And like passionate piethoric peonles Your perpetual poems burn.

And feed on poetle flesh. And maybe it hurts your esophagus To think you have been in their mesi In their kingdom of penandinkrasy They say that your poetry's rot, But never you mind, just continue To produce—the Lord knows wh LA TOUCHE HANCOCK.

The critics are all anthropophagous.

The Peer of the Seven League Boots What, Jack the Glant Killer. You boast about your boots The distance that you cover

The wizardry is nil; Why, Jack, a Christmas stocking Will take you further still Across the years of labor The leagues of shattered dreams. The long gray stretch of sorrow

But seven leagues are nothing

No matter what the distance Of decades that divide

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

as well as other iron and steel objects for the then rapidly growing West. Some of the knives were for hunting purposes, some the large jackknife, but the typical "Barlow" was a one blader with bone handle (sometimes rawhide), and a good steel blade it was. Afterward it appears that Barlow gave up the manufacture of knives and concentrated all his energies on casting cannon for war of 1812, in which he was assisted, I think, by the redoubtable Mathew Lyon who had the first rough and tumble fight in Congress and was imprisoned for "lese majeste" under the strict laws passed during the Adams administration. Then The smoke that comes from it is fragrant and he went to Kentucky. Fifty years ago the Barlow family in Richmond was represented by a miller and I think members of the family live there to this day. They did a few years ago when I left Rich-mond. In the years 1820-1870 or thereabout the Barlow knife was made in y places and was simply a type of cheap single blader which boys rethe cheap single blader which boys re-ceived in early youth. My first was pre-sented to me in 1864 at the ripe age of three. I immediately proceeded to hack the index finger of my left hand and the scar remains to this day. Boys in these days are so superior that they would resent the gift of the humble Barlow knife, whose disappearance on many grounds must be regretted. It disappeared about the same time that McGuffey's readers passed off the stage—two great formative institutions in our history which have not been replaced adequately. JOSEPH M. ROGERS.

> Regarding the S. S. Naronic inquired about in THE SUN, Questions and Answers, the following editorial paragraph from the Chicago Evening Post of July 16, 1896, may interest the inquirer:
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> W. F. E.

"February 2, 1893, the steamer Naronic, one of the largest and finest freighters of the White Star Line, sailed from Liverpool for New York. Nothing was heard of her antee that it will be so led. Such cards when she was reported overdue had lengthreckened among the never reported her fate gradually passed from the minds of and passengers who sailed forth never to arrive anywhere short of that farther shore to which we all sail. But yesterday there came word back from that ill fated steamer. A bottle was picked up at Hoy-lake, near Birkenhead, containing this brief message written on a slip of paper:

ship sailed. It closes the mystery of 16 A 1 4 B 11 12 C 6 2 D 15 Aver, would only lead to troublous business that the certainty of the one 5 13 7 8 15 times. the Naronic with the certainty of the one fate that is dreaded by all others by those who go down to the sea in ships. No details could add to this cold, dramatic, laconic finality.

I have in my possession a small liberty bell cast from one of the copper chips taken from the old Liberty bell, now in Independence Hall, when the crack was enlarged in hopes of restoring its tone. Around the bell, cut in black letters, is this inscription: "Independence, 1776." A gold cap and tongue were added, and it has been hung on a watch chain as a charm for over fifty years. I have not been able to locate another bell, although I have written a number of times in regard to it so I claim it," the only pleas gard to it, so I claim it's the only piece of the old bell in existence. Do you not onsider it an unusually rare curio? M.

Small liberty bells answering this de-

Who wrote "Genius is the infinite capacity for taking pains" (or words to that effect)? If "Bartlett" knows he won't tell:

Desperation—E. F. P. asks where the rules for the game of desperation can be found in print.

On page 202 of the 1912 edition of the

aphorisms are alike secretive. The idea Hoyle. is common enough, but the exact form of words has eluded long search. It is commonly attributed to Carlyle, but the attribution is inexact. What Carlyle really did write (Frederick the Great, IV., 3) is this: "The good plan itself, this comes pacity of taking trouble first of all." turned up after R begs and A runs the Earlier than this is Buffon's epigram, "Le cards. genie n'est qu'une plus grande aptitude

How did Gelett Burgess couch, his renunciation of the "Purple CHARLES H. WAGNER

Ah, yes. I wrote the "Purple Cow I'm sorry, now, I Wrote it! But I can Tell you, Anyhow. I'll kill you if you Quote it!

This is dated in the title "Cinq ans apres" and carries the added information: Upon a Background that I Rue!

became professor of English literature in persons play bridge with the poker pack, the University of Illinois, Chicago, and I believe him also to have been the John Fraser who wrote in two parts the little cards in each suit, work on the Chap-Book Literature of Scotland, practically the only authoritative work on that subject. I am, however, no nearer a sketch of his life than I was. I have written you thinking that with this He has openers, but only four cards. Can information some of your intelligent he open on them or play them if any one intelligent he open on them or play them if any one

Please tell a lifelong reader if there is any impropriety in saying "I eat my din-ner and enjoyed it," pronouncing the saw but one or two of them his hand is word "eat" so as to rhyme with bet. G. S. ANDERSON.

an act of individual preference and no one, not even a dictionary, has the right to gainsay the exercise of such preference. There yet survives an older generation which uses this pronunciation because it dates from a period when school execution which uses this production which uses the production of the content of the production of the content of tives were content to teach the English play for the pot. that is without seeking reform into Eng-

months or a year in any of the States

cyclopædia do not agree on the matter.

F. E. C. The calendar rule is that century years are bissextile only when divisible by 40t C's hand?

SCHOOL FOR CARD PLAYERS.

The Barlow knife was originally made by William (?) Barlow at Richmond, Ky., more than a century ago. Barlow had a forge in Richmond and made jackknives as well as other iron and steel originally made. Z passes, so does A, but Y says, "It must be five diamonds, which I double." B bets it is too late to correct the call after Y's partner has passed. The law says "either" of the players, but how can it "either" of the players, but how can it be left to either, Y contends, unless both of them can exercise the right? If Z's passing settles it, then Y has nothing to say and there cannot be any about the matter.

This is one of the laws that have been changed for the better in the latest re- and Whitelaw Reid. vision, that of September last. It now or Z could have demanded the bid to be set right at five diamonds, Y lost that right after Z had passed the insufficient

B. M. says: Dealer says a heart, A two clubs and Y no trumps. A at once says: "That must be two no trumps." Y objects that it is not A's turn to speak and that if B, whose turn it is to bid after Y, does not call attention to the insufficient bid A has no right to do so.

This is almost the same as the preced ing case and is covered by the same law. A has a right to demand that the bid be

increased to its proper value.

E. M. says: The dealer bids one diamond, holding queen, jack, ten to five.
There is quite a difference of opinion here as to the soundness of such a bid.

It is not conventional for a dealer to start with a bid in which he has not a queen, jack, ten will take a trick if the suit is led often enough, there is no guaruntil yesterday. For over three years her are "stoppers," not sure tricks. The fate was one of the mysteries of the At- partner might have two diamonds and would be dead at no trumps. The ace. or both ace and king, or both king and those not directly interested in the crew queen are the only things a dealer should bid one trick on as an opening bid, unless he is prepared to overcall anything for two or three tricks in the suit.

After the agred number of hands have for quick tariff action advanced by the been played for one round all the play-ers but No. 16 move, each going from the number he finds opposite his seat to the number which is one greater, no matter at what table he finds it. After the first round it will be seen that each player can follow a certain person, as all follow the same course round the tables.

If Jones takes Smith's seat at the end of before August, 1943, and that would leave

No. 3 at the same table, thence to No. 4 at table B and so on. At the end of fifteen rounds it will be found that each player has had each of the others for a partner once and has played twice against

Cribbage-H. D. C. says: In a four scription were sold extensively at the centennial exposition in 1876 and many vanders told instrument and the cards fall A, 7, 5, 6 the first round and then 3, 2, 4. The player calls twenty-eight and makes a run of

Seven-up—L. A. C. says: The score is 6 all when A deals and turns a heart. B begs and A has to run the cards, turnhim out. B bets that card is no good. B is right. The heart suit has been renot of its own accord; it is the fruit of fused as a trump by both players, theregenius, which means transcendent car fore the jack of it cannot be scored if

> Rum. J. K. P. says: We understand this game can be played by any number from two to five. B bets that the double pack with two jokers is for four or five only and that two persons use the single pack, fifty-two cards, with one joker.

Two persons can play with any pack hey please, but the real game for two is with the forty card pack, each suit run ning from the ace to the ten, no joker. With the full pack a player can run out on one suit, as there are thirteen cards in I have at last found Prof. John Fraser, outs. There is no law against playing

else opens? Not if he has lifted and looked at ther He must have seen some of his four cards

This old preterite, once the more common, now hangs on in a second place in the dictionaries. Its employment therefore is comes to drawing cards the opener finds it dates from a period when school execu- and draw cards to the pair of eights and

A has no right to assume that C would facts, not on theories. The facts of the case Can an alien who has declared his inten- are that A has false openers and the pention to become a citizen of the United alty is that she loses all she has put into States vote for President and other national officers after a residence of six the others who have come in against the the others who have come in against the F. E. C. false openers remaining and playing for Subject to the usual qualifications of the pot, no matter what they came in on. residence aliens may vote on their first C has no business to disclose the fact that papers in Alabama, Arkansas, Kansas she raised on three queens and it is no one's business to ask her. She came into an opened pot in good faith, thinking she Kindly let me know if the years 2000, was playing against openers. Same an4000, 8000 and 12000 will be leap years.

The Encyclopædia Britannia, the International Encyclopædia and the Catholic Encyclopædia do not agree on the water.

G. J. says: A opens and bets. B

raises. C raises again and the opener drops. B calls C, who lays down and tells B to take it. Can B demand to see

POLITICAL NOTES.

President Taft's announcement that he will not name an Ambassador to the Woodrow Wilson, has imbued Democrats with a desire to have one of their most distinguished representatives appointed Dix's administration to this great diplomatic post. Most of these Democrats believe that the place should go to a New Yorker. They have recalled that the following New Yorkers have represented the United States at the British Rufus King, Martin Van Buren, court: Edwards Pierrepont, Joseph H. Choate

The country has been represented at reads this way: "If a player make an in-sufficient declaration, either adversary may demand that it be penalized, pro-and James Buchanan after serving at the vided such demand be made before an ad- Court of St. James's became Presidents versary has passed, doubled or declared." of the United States. The literary men This makes it clear that while either. Y who have been either Ministers or Ambassadors to Great Britain were George Bancroft, John Lothrop Motley, James Russell Lowell, Charles Francis Adams, Edward J. Phelps and John Hay. At the moment the Democrats feel that they will be compelled to look far and wide for an Ambassador of the shining talents of the long list of exceptionally brilliant men

> There is a tradition in Washington that James K. Polk after his election to the Presidency and when appointing his Cabinet exacted from all its members a written promise that they would not become can-didates for the Presidency against him. Naturally there is no record of that alleged compact. Veterans in statesmanship, however, have accepted this legend as truth, and declare that it has been handed down from one Presidential Cabinet to another

up to the present time.

Those who have lately discussed this Polk tradition, however, had but one opinion, and it was to the effect that President sure trick. While the combination of Wilson isn't the type of man to exact such a written agreement from the members of his Cabinet. In the first place, it would be without avail, it was said, for the reason that many States now have Presidential preference primaries and before 1916 comes lantic. After the first days of anxiety lead the suit twice, getting the ace and dential preference primary law. All comking out of the way, but unless he had a pacts and bargains and deals of that charened into the period when she was third diamond to lead the rest of the suit acter, it is believed, would be utterly futile in view of these Presidential primaries.

There are several potent reasons who Senator Hoke Smith and Representative Oscar W. Underwood and other influential Democrats in Washington desire the earliest possible date after March 4 for the assem bling of the extraordinary session of Con-gress which President-elect Wilson has an-Sixteen Individuals—In answer to the requests for a schedule that should be available for sixteen players on the same plan as that already published in The same plan as that all the promises of the national plan as that all the promises of the national plan as that all the promises of the national plan as that all the promises of the national plan as that all the promises of the national plan as that all the promises of the national plan as that all the promises of the national plan as that all the promises of the national plan as that all the promises of the national plan as that all the promises of the national plan as that all the promises of the national plan as that all the promises of the national plan as that all the promises of the national plan as that all the promises of the national plan as that all the promises of the national plan as that all the promises of the national plan as that all the promises of the national plan as that all the promises of the national plan as that all the prom But one of the exceptionally strong points time

Democratic leaders is the feeling that the as possible so that the voters may accustom themselves to it in time to vote intelligently in the Congressional elections of 1914. the first round he will always take it.

The result of this movement of the players is that No. 1 at table A will go to No. 2 at table D and next time to

Touching on and appertaining to Democratic control in the nation, most Demo crats have been greatly pleased by Presi-dent-elect Wilson's speech at the Southern bitterness of the Republicans over Cleveland's victory in 1884 and 1892, and the celerity] with which many of them who were engaged in manufacturing and other commercial pursuits shurder appears of the Republicans over Cleveland's victory in 1884 and 1892, and the celerity] with which many of them who were engaged in manufacturing and other commercial pursuits shurder appears of the Republicans over Cleveland's victory in 1884 and 1892, and the celerity with which many of them who were engaged by the same act in the very same theatres, but they appeared only twice a day, and found in their pay envelopes on Saturday night exactly.

Tony Pastor paid venders told just such a story of their origin. The authenticity of the relics is about on the same level as the jewelry ipcorporating chips of the Charter Oak which has long been on sale in Hartford.

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Republicans in Ohio, New York, New Jersey,
Maine, Indiana, Massachusetts and Connecticut recorded their opposition to the
Payne-Aldrich tariff law. The Republicans Payne-Aldrich tariff law. The Republicans in those States did not hesitate candidly to announce their disapproval of that tariff law, and this criticism more than any other announce their disapproval of that tariff law, and this criticism more than any other influence, it is believed, led to the capture of those States by the Demograts.

While these Democrats believe that Senator
O'Gorman would make a good record as
Attorney-General that is not the impelling
fered \$5,000 a week recently by Mr. notive with them in urging his selection. United States Senator in O'Gorman's place, and that Lieut.-Gov. Martin H. Glynn of Rialto.

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on one suit, as there are thirteen cards in it. With the forty card pack he cannot get out unless he makes two or more layouts. There is no law against playing with any pack the players fancy. Some persons play bridge with the poker pack, using the elevens and twelves, fifteen cards in each suit.

Richard Croker, contrary to his usual custom, is not to make a winter and spring sojourn in this country. No explanation has been vouchsafed for this change on Mr. Croker's part. It is a great disappointment to his old friend Senator John Fox and other intimates of the Democratic National Club.

Victor Moore is now paid \$1,500 a week for precisely the same act that he presented in the very same theatres seven years ago for \$125.

In 1960 the writer made a contract for the Keith theatres. In the cast were Ethel Barrymore and Jack Barrymore and \$600 and other intimates of the Democratic National Club.

partment to succeed Curtis L. Douglas and If he were living to-day, but Robert Hill-frederick W. Stevens. Mr. Douglas is a lard, who appeared in vaudeville theatres recess appointment by Gov. Dix and if he is to be continued in his office he must be renominated to the Senate by Gov. Sulzer.

Mr. Stevens's term expires on February 1, 1913.

Even the grand opera stars have had

Dowd and J. H. Leever: Chenango, W. H. Under Jean de Reszke her salary instantion of the Jean de Reszke her salary increased from \$100 to \$1,000 and she became Bessie Abott, the discarding of one discarding of the bis in her name being regarded as in keeping with the dignity of her missioner John G. Carlisle and Delos Cossgrove: Onondaga, John J. Cummins; Oneida, leaves the bis native town Auburn N. Y. grove: Onondaga, John J. Cummins; Oneida, Michael J. Walsh, E. W. Fiske, H. S. Waldorf and J. H. Raymond: Monroe, J. H. Schraub: Warren, T. H. Dunn: Westchester, Decker and J. S. Whelan; Rensselaer, Michael Collins; Saratoga, James Burke;

ratic State committee

would have the support of the regular Democratic city organization

Gov. Sulzer, it is stated, is to appoint Robert L. Luce, now a Commissioner of Court of St. James's, but will leave the the Court of Claims, to the City Judgeship appointment to fill the vacancy created made vacant on January 1 by the election appointment to fill the vacancy created made vacant on January 1 by the election by the death of Whitelaw Reid to President of Thomas F. Donnelly to the Supreme Court bench. Mr. Luce was a can for Surrogate in the early days of Gov.

> The great problem with New York State Democrats nowadays is over the Federal offices the regular organization is to receive from President Wilson. In the catalogue of great Federal appointments are the Collector of the Port of New York, Naval Officer, Appraiser of the Port, Post-master, Surveyor of the Port, United States District Attorney for the Southern District and Internal Revenue Collectors. Then throughout the State there are many important Federal offices to be filled by Demo-

crats. President Cleveland in his two administrations gave little or no recognition either to David B. Hill, head of the up-State Dem James crats, or to John Kelly and Richard Croker and Hugh McLaughlin, leaders of the down-State Democrats. He made his selections for these influential Federal offices from Democrats who while in a sense members of the regular organization did not train with it or affiliate with it to any great extent. As a matter of fact most of the regular organizazation Democrats in New York State in the Cleveland days opposed Cleveland's nominations just as stoutly as Charles F. Murphy opposed Wilson's nomination in the Baltimore convention.

> Gov. Sulzer, it is stated, is to redesignate as Associate Judges of the Court of Appeals Supreme Court Justices Frank H. Hiscock and Emory A. Chase. Justices Hiscock and Chase, it will be recalled, were the Repub-lican candidates for Associate Judges of the Court of Appeals in the recent contest, but were defeated by Messrs. Cuddeback and Hogan.

Although President Taft has started on his final trip of investigation of the Panama Cahal, he will return to New York city in ime, it is announced, to be present at the Republican banquet in his honor to be held at the Hotel Astor on January 4. An interesting feature of the dinner will be the presence or non-presence of Senator Borah, Senator Kenyon, Senator La Follette, Gov. Hadley and other Republicans who, while opposed to President Taft's and to many of the policies of his Adminis tration, did not leave the Republican party in the recent election. All have been invited to attend the banquet in the Presi dent's honor.

According to the programme the President is to be the only speaker on that occasion and is to review his administration and tell of the benefits Republican national administrations have been to the country It was at first proposed that there should be several speakers, but this was vetoed by Senator W. Murray Crane of Massachusetts, who remarked:

"The Republicans want to hear from alone. They do not wish to be bothered by the remarks of other speakers at this

THEN AND NOW.

As recently as twelve years ago the four Cohans received \$125 a week in vaudo-ville theatres, and they were quite as clever then as they are to-day. Five years later they were paid \$3,000 a week in the same theatres, and recently George M. Cohan refused \$5,000 to appear alone in a specialty.

A few years before that the now famous duo McIntyre and Heath appeared for B. F. Keith in Boston as many as six times a day in practically the same spe-cialty they present to-day. They were receiving \$150 for each seven days. Recently they were engaged by the same manager to do the very same act in the

ffect)? If "Bartlett" knows he won't J. K.

Apparently all the other collectors of uphorisms are alike secretive. The idea of common enough, but the exact form of second common enough. Because of the common enough. Because of the common enough is common enough is common enough. Because of the common enough is common enough is common enough. Because of the common enough is common enough. Because of the common enough is common enough is common enough is common enough. Because of the common enough is common enough is common enough is common enough. Because of the common enough is common enough. Because of the c

of those States by the Democrats.

There are a number of New York State Democrats who are inclined to urge President-elect Wilson to appoint Senator O'Gorman to be Attorney-General in his Cabinet. While these Democrats believe that Senator.

Proctor, though the same manager was They believe that with Senator O'Gorman able to present them to his audiences eight in the Cabinet Gov. Sulzer could be elected years ago for \$250, and at that weekly

Just about three hundred Democrats are brother John has repeatedly been offered being mentioned as available for Public almost as much. One can only conjecture that would be paid to Maurice Barrymore

Here are a few of the Democrats in the different counties mentioned as possible successors to Mr. Douglas and Mr. Stevens:
Allegany, T. H. Quinn; Cattaraugus, T. H. Dowd and J. H. Leever; Chenango, W. H. Stafford; Columbia, Samuel J. Tilden; Cortland, James Dougherty; Dutchess, E. W. Fowler; Oswego, Charles N. Bulger and of the bis in her to the two a day field.

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Even the grand opera stars have had meteoric rises. Bessie Abott was one of the Abbott sisters, who sang walf songs in "1492" at the Criterion Theatre in New York. When she went abroad to study under Jean de Reszke her salary increased from \$100 to \$1,000 and she became Bessie Abott, the discarding of one

store in his native town, Auburn N. Y When a cheap opera company came along sides singing in the chorus Decker and J. S. Whelan; Rensselaer, Michael Collins; Saratoga, James Burke; Schenectady, G. Smith; Tompkins, Charles E. Treman; Herkimer, Frederick Ray; Chautauqua, Frank H. Mott, Thomas P. Heffernan and James O. Bennett; Orange, Arthur A. McLean, treasurer of the Democratic State committee.

Luisa Tetrazzini was singing in San In the foregoing list there is a mingling of straight out organization Democrats with some mighty independent members of that party.

While Gov. Sulzer, according to his intimates, is not to reappoint William R. Willcox as a member of the Public Service Commission of the First district, he will see to it, it is declared, that a Democrat of probity and dignity succeeds Mr. Willcox, The name of George Foster Peabody has been frequently mentioned of late, but more recently Joseph Haag, who occupies a confidential place in the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, has been rather coming to the front. Mr. Haag, it was added,

without a remainder. The years men-All the table can demand to see it, as doned are therefore leap years. it was in the call.